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1. SC MET MORNING OF APRIL 13 ON BENIN COMPLAINT.
MAURITIUS, CUBA, INDIA, PAKISTAN, BENIN, LAOS AND EGYPT
SPOKE (DETAILS SEPTEL-NOTAL). BENIN SPEECH WAS NOTABLE FOR
THE EMOTIONAL MANNER IN WHICH PERMREP BOYA ATTACKED OTHER
AFRICAN STATES WHICH HAD SPOKEN OUT AGAINST BENIN DURING
THE DEBATE. THESE STATES ARE EXPECTED TO RESPOND TOMORROW.

- 2. FOR LIBREVILLE: USUN CONTACTED GABONESE PERMREP N'DONG TO OFFER ASSISTANCE DURING THE DRAFTING OF THE RESOLUTION (SEE PARA 3), BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS CONCERNING THE US VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION. N'DONG EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION.
- 3. AMB RAMPHUL OF MAURITIUS CONTACTED WESTERN GROUP TO DISCUSS WORKING PAPER (REFTEL A). WESTERN FIVE SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE PARAS 6, 7, AND 8 WHICH HE WILL TAKE BACK TO WORKING GRPUP. HE IS STILL HOPEFUL THAT COUNCIL WILL COMPLETE THIS DEBATE APRIL 14.
- 4. FOLLOWING ARE WESTERN SUGGESTIONS FOR THE RESOLUTION:

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- 7. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT OF BENIN IN ASSESSING AND EVALUATING THE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE ACT OF ARMED AGGRESSION COMMITTED IN COTONOU ON 16 JANUARY 1977;
- 8. APPEALS TO ALL STATES TO PROVIDE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN IN ORDER TO ENABLE IT TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE AND LOSSES INFLICTED DURING THE ATTACK;
- 9. NOTES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BENIN HAS RESERVED ITS RIGHT WITH RESPECT TO ANY EVENTUAL CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION WHICH IT MAY WISH TO ASSERT.

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